

Amendment No. 1 to HB0052

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By deleting Section 7 in its entirety and substituting the following:

SECTION 7.

(a) The functions of the higher education ombudsman shall include, but are not limited to, conducting a policy review that:

(1) Reviews the compliance with policies within the state higher education systems to determine consistency with the goals of legislation relating to higher education enacted by the general assembly; and

(2) Addresses policy issues referred to the ombudsman by the speaker of the senate or the speaker of the house of representatives, and such other persons as either speaker shall designate.

(b)

(1) The higher education ombudsman shall report annually, or more frequently, as requested by the speaker of the senate or the speaker of the house of representatives, concerning the ombudsman's activities, findings and recommendations based on the policy review required by subsection (a). The higher education ombudsman shall make additional reports concerning higher education as directed by the speaker of the senate or the speaker of the house of representatives.

(2) Prior to publishing any report with a finding of non-compliance or recommendations concerning compliance with policies, the higher education ombudsman shall provide any affected state higher education

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